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Poramboke lands

* 248 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many acres of forest poramboke lands are available round about " Kuruthakunru " in Ganganavaram village of Polur taluk; and 11 a.m,

(*b*) whether there is any idea of granting these lands to the poor on ' patta '?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) About 100 acres of forest poramboke land are available round about " Kuruthakunru " in Ganganavaram village of Polur taluk.

(*b*) There is no proposal to grant these lands to any one.

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : இந்தக் காட்டுப் புறம்போக்கு நிலங்களுக்கும், பக்கத்திலுள்ள காடுகளுக்கும் ஒரு மைல் தூரம் இருக்கும். ஆகையால் இது தனியாக இருக்கிறது. இப்படிப்பட்ட நிலத்தை சாதாரண ஜனங்களுக்குப் பட்டா செய்து கொடுக்க இந்தச் சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அம்மாதிரி மனுக்கள் வரும்போது கொடுக்கலாமா, கொடுக்கக்கூடாதா என்பதைப்பற்றி நன்றாக யோசித்து முடிவு செய்யமுடியும்.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : Sir, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government will, as a matter of policy, arrange to register such of the forest poramboke lands as are not put to use and which are in the possession of landless poor people who have been squatting on the same by constructing small huts?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If it is a question of policy about which the hon. Member seeks information, he may put a separate question.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Sir, the Government are not using their forest poramboke lands in question. Nor are they giving these lands to the poor landless agricultural labourers. Why should the Government adopt the dog-in-the-manger policy in this respect?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that there is no dog-in-the-manger attitude on our part. If any area is useful for purposes of afforestation, Government take it up for purposes of afforestation. If it is not put to such use, it is available for landless poor people.

MR. SPEAKER : The next three questions, viz., Question Nos. 249, 250 and 251 will be taken up together.

Drinking Water Scarcity

* 249 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any proposal from Tiruchirappalli Municipality this year for relieving the scarcity in the supply of drinking water to Tiruchirappalli town ;